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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Ex/Dir

STAT At the request of D/OIT, I had a meeting with discuss his ideas on an Executive Decision Support System for the Agency. Reference material included a recent trip to IBM in "O/DCI STAT Rochester, N.Y., and a paper produced by Information Technology 5-Year Plan". The meeting began with Mr. stating that his recent approach to automating the Agency's senior managers from the top down wasn't the right approach. STAT Based upon the information he obtained from the IBM trip, he should start with the secretaries. He stated with the recent policy regarding secretaries, there would be leverage to encourage secretaries to obtain the necessary skills to operate a PC and its associated software. He indicated that " STAT assisting in easing the cultural shock by providing hands on consulting and assistance in this effort. He basically wants to "penetrate" the 6 or 7 independent offices on the 7th floor.

With regard to the more substantive areas he indicated that we would eventually get the executives on in 2-3 years. I stated that I could help speed up that process and in fact looked upon it as an opportunity considering our efforts in the Corporate program. I described the situation as a learning process. We would be gaining an understanding of what the 7th floor needed as we were constructing the foundation of the corporate program. He agreed. He told me there were five areas we should concentrate on: recruitment status, the SIS bio's, the Budget (problem areas and imprtant pending decisions), Congressional relationships (thru oll), and the Executive Secretariat (action items, director's mail and calendar). Some of this data is probably already available in the "basement" other would require input.

I described an approach which was "Tell and Show". OIT would interview several Agency managers ("tell") and then we would develop a prototype and "show" the contributors the results. They would then "tell" us if it was useful to them in conducting their business. If not, we'd try again or modify it, if so we would plan on incorporating it into the future system. We both agreed

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| that the effort would require no more than 1-2 resources. He stated that he had \$100-200K per vear to spend (but that this would cover both our efforts and). He suggested that I talk to Dick Kerr, Jim Hirsch, Danny Childs, I then proposed that I talk to all of the above and the come back to him with some ideas and a plan. He agreed. | |
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| The bottom line here is that we are in charge and have to develop a sellable product. He is not taking ownership. I indicated that I would do the development on a stand-alone PC (no constrained by our current environment) and all work (if accepted would eventually be put on a network with secure ties to the corporate arena (if needed). He agreed. I will identify and individual in MISG to go with me to all subsequent interviews and write up a proposal. In that proposal (which we will make to Mr.) we will outline an approach (similar to what I proposed, but with real ideas gained from the interviews). discuss resources, and raise issues as we seem them. is my choice for the next stage. | l.) |
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